Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A graphical user interface embodied on one or more computer-readable media and executable on a computer, said graphical user interface comprising:

a screen area for receiving user inputs and displaying at least one item associated with a set of data; and

a preview display rendered within the screen area in response to receiving a user input representing a selection to preview the set of data associated with the displayed item, wherein at least a portion of the set of data associated with the displayed item is utilized to generate the preview display and wherein the preview display includes actual content from said displayed item ~~at least a portion of the display~~ which would ~~result~~ be displayed in response to a user input representing a selection to view the set of data associated with the displayed item, wherein said actual content is selected by utilization of a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said displayed item will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices.

2. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said screen area utilizes a graphical indicia to display said displayed item.

3. (original) The user interface of claim 2, where said graphical indicia is an icon, a link, or a bookmark.

4. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the set of data associated with the displayed item is a computer file.

5. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the set of data associated with the displayed item is located on a remote computer

6. (original) The user interface of claim 5, wherein the set of data associated with the displayed item is accessible over a network, over an intranet, or over the Internet.

7. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the set of data associated with the displayed item is a document file.

8. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the set of data associated with the displayed item is a word processing document, a presentation document, a spreadsheet document, a database or an email.

9. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the set of data associated with the displayed item is a webpage.

10. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said user input is communicated via a mouse, a keyboard, and/or a screen with user input capacity.

11. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said user input is communicated via a mouse operably coupled with a pointer viewable on said screen area, and wherein said user input is communicated by hovering said pointer over the displayed item for a predetermined period of time

12. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said preview display is viewable in a display pane which is rendered in response to receiving said user input.

13. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said preview display is rendered in a display pane which displays primarily said preview display.

14. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the data utilized to generate said preview display is capable of being utilized by an application to open the set of data being previewed.

15. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the data utilized to generate said preview display is capable of being utilized by an application to provide a user interface for interacting with the set of data being previewed.

16. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said preview display includes at least a portion of a document associated with the set of data being previewed.

17. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said preview display is capable of receiving a user input, and wherein said user input received in the preview display represents a selection to open a computer file associated with the set of data being previewed.

18. (original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said preview display is capable of receiving a user input, and wherein said user input received in the preview display represents a selection to alter the display presented in said preview display.

19. (currently amended) A computerized method for navigating content presented ~~10~~ on a graphical user interface, said method comprising:

receiving a user input representing a selection to preview a set of data;

utilizing at least a portion of the set of data to generate a preview display in response to said user input, wherein said preview display includes actual content from said set of data ~~at least a portion of the display~~ which would ~~result~~ be displayed in response to a user input representing a selection to view the set of data ~~associated~~, wherein said actual content is selected by utilization of a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said set of data will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices; and

rendering said preview display upon a screen area.

20. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 19, wherein said set of data is associated with a computer file.

21. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 19, wherein the data utilized to generate said preview display is capable of being utilized by an application to open the set of data being previewed.

22. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 19, wherein generating said preview display includes determining which portion of said set of data being previewed to present in the preview display.

23. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 19, wherein the rendering of said preview display creates a separate display pane upon said screen area.

24. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 19, wherein said method further comprises receiving a user selection to perform an operation with respect to said set of data.

25. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 24, wherein said method further comprises performing said operation with respect to said set of data.

26. (currently amended) The ~~computer implemented~~ method of claim 19, wherein said method further comprises hiding said preview display in response to receiving a user input subsequent to the user input representing a selection to preview the set of data.

27. (currently amended) A navigation control for navigating content presented in a graphical user interface, said navigation control comprising:

a user input component for obtaining a user selection to preview a set of data;

a data utilization component for accessing the set of data;

a preview generation component for generating a preview image associated with said set of data and which includes actual content from said set of data, wherein said actual content is selected by utilization of a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said set of data will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices; and

an output component for generating instructions for rendering said preview image on a screen area.

28. (original) The navigation control of claim 27, wherein said set of data is capable of being utilized by an application to open the set of data.

29. (original) The navigation control of claim 27, wherein said preview generation component determines which portion of said set of data being previewed to present in the preview image.

30. (original) The navigation control of claim 27, wherein said preview image includes at least a portion of the display which would result in response to a user input representing a selection to view the set of data.

31. (currently amended) A navigation control for navigating content presented in a graphical user interface, said navigation control comprising:

means for obtaining a user selection to preview a set of data;

means for accessing the set of data;

means for generating a preview image associated with said set of data that includes actual content from said set of data, wherein said actual content is selected by utilization of a content selection algorithm that determines which content from said set of data will be useful to a user in making one or more navigational choices; and

means for generating instructions for rendering said preview image on a screen area.